

**THE LABOR COMMISSION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2015 – 12:00 P.M.
Senate Minority Caucus Room (455) State Capital Building
Salt Lake City, Utah**

The following Advisory Council members were in attendance:

Dennis Lloyd, Workers Compensation Fund (for Ray Pickup)
Tracy Klausmeier, Utah Dept of Insurance
Dave Davis, President, Utah Food Industry Association
Todd Bingham, President, Utah Manufacturers Association
Brandon Dew, Central Utah Federation of Labor
Jeff Rowley, Salt Lake County
Rich Thorn, Associated General Contractors
Sen. Karen Mayne
K. Dawn Atkin, Esq., Atkin & Associates
David Bird, Esq., Parsons Behle and Latimer
Edward Holmes, M.D., Summit View Medical
Brian Kelm, attorney
Brandt Goble, Painters and Tapers Local 77

The following Advisory Council members were excused:

Rep. Jim Dunnigan
Kathleen Bissell, Liberty Mutual
Reo Castleton, President, SL Cnty Fire Dept Local 1696

Others Present:

Sherrie Hayashi, Commissioner
Jaceson Maughan, Deputy Commissioner
Ron Dressler, Division Director, Industrial Accidents, Labor Commission
Sara Danielson, Utah Labor Commission, Administrative Assistant
Jack Tidrow, Prof Fire Fighters of Utah
Brad Thurman, Labor Commission
Brad Mores, Labor Commission
Chris Hill, Labor Commission
Ryan Andrus, WCF
JC Hamilton, Senate Intern

WELCOME

Welcome –Deputy Commissioner, Jaceson Maughan brought the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Deputy Commissioner Maughan welcomed everyone.

[Recorder lost power]

Legislative Matters

Coverage for Firefighters

Senator Mayne explained that this bill will still have to be proved through the House and the Senate.

Dr. Ed Holmes, explained that the studies that were circulated do not give conclusive proof that the cancers are related to firefighting. There are too many other things that were not part of the study i.e smoking and drinking (which also can cause the same cancers). Further discussion was had.

Dawn Atkin moved to support the bill. Brian Kelm seconded the motion. The voting was 4 yeah and 5 nay – motion failed.

Dave Davis made a motion for the Council to remain neutral on the bill. Brian Kelm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

[Break for Lunch]

Resumed at 1:15

Deputy Commissioner Maughan asked Dennis Lloyd to update the council on the amendments to the Workers Compensation Fund. Dennis explained that the amendments would change the manner in which board members are selected – they will now be elected by the policy holders. He also stated that subsidiary companies would operate according to Insurance law and be tax paying entities. He stated that the Attorney General's office has advised that there might be a conflict of interest with having the Executive Director of Administrative Services be involved in issues of procurement. This issue may be dealt with in substitute bills. The WCF would stay as the insurer of last resort.

Dave Bird moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian Kelm seconded. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.